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My Dear Sir

In looking over
your last kind letter to me I find
you state that you retained no copy
of the magnificent panegyric
upon my father which you wrote
"Currente Calamus" to me, at the
time when you wrote in answer to one
of mine to you concerning Free
Labor Cotton growing in Africa
& African Civilization. I may have
omitted to send you a copy of that
letter and herewith enclose one
The Old friends to whom I have
shown it say it is too beautiful to
be lost and as establishing an
early historic link which few could
supply but yourself. It is a fact
that the thunder and lightning
Anti Slavery Contest was commenced

by my father in Virginia about 1804
or 1806 as the old book he published
in Harrisonburg, called "The Book
and Slavery Inreconcilable" shows
the undaunted Courage to which you
have alluded: when he met you
about 1826 or 1828 he found
the Elijah upon whom his mantle
descended, and soon after he
paid his chief attention to the
Pope and his emissaries, though
he never ceased battle for Liberty till
his death - He began "The Protestants"
at New York the same day you began
to publish "the Liberator" at Boston viz.
1st Jan'y 1830 - In my view he
was the Elijah of Anti Slavery,
and you were his lineal suc-
cessor, and Coadjutor, or if you
please, you and he were Elijah
and Elijah while he was battling
Anti Slavery, and when he became
the Elijah of Anti Romanism,
you became the Elijah of Anti Slavery.

However, whichever way it was, you and
he are responsible for the results of
the contest more than any other 40
men that can be named. No more
than likely that had there been
not Bourne and no Garrison, the
tremendous conflict would not have
taken place. Pres Lincoln and Gen
Grant were only adjuncts compelled
by the necessities you two had oc-
casioned (at the risk of life, fame
property and friends), to proclaim
and enforce emancipation. This is
the historic verity. My father died
while gazing at the triumph from afar
you live to see the triumph won. He
sacrificed all ease and comfort
and property, and risked life itself
often, as you have justly remarked.
Many persons have expressed a wish
to have a copy of the first page at least
of your letter, so beautifully expressed
as well as written lithographed and
with your autograph attached, shall

I accede to their request. In your letter
come you refer in almost prophetic tone
to the (afterwards) fact "we are nearer
the Jubilee than such a movement
(in Christian Civilization of Africa) would
seem to imply" Did you then anticipate
that it would lead to such a tremendous
war, or was it your inference that the system
could not stand the hard political knocks
it was then beginning to receive. I have ap-
pended to the copy of the letter the names of
the surviving children at this date.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

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